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Japan Cools Off

By Joel Sorenson

"Japan is open for the Christian Gospel" — that was the post war cry from that defeated country.

And at first it seemed to be true that Christianity should make an inroad in the country. Big revival meetings were held, and big crowds attended the meetings. The methods of evangelism were American, and many signed cards, indicating decisions for Christ. The multitudes seemed to turn to Christianity.

A visitor to Japan to-day does not, however, note very much of this openness for the Gospel. The time of the big meetings seem to be gone, at least for the present. Seldom are there big crowds at a meeting. The way of the Gospel to the heart of the Japanese is a hard way, considerably harder than in many other countries in the Orient. Japan was not—as the reports said—wide open for the Gospel.

What was wrong with the reports — or what has happened? The reports were based on too superficial an understanding of the Japanese psychology. After the war anything foreign was popular — particularly if it came from the U. S. A. This country had won the war — it must be a great nation! I was told that in these days you just had to announce a foreign speaker and the people came! And they wanted to follow along the desires of their new lords. And so the Gospel had a sort of statistic progress. But there were in most cases only superficial reactions, not experiences of regeneration by grace. And now the attitude towards America is quite different. The country is not so popular any more. And with the vanishing popularity of America, the mass interest in Christianity vanished. For the average Japanese identifies Christianity with America. To-day less than 0.6 percent of the Japanese are Christians and of those less than 0.3 Protestants. And the Protestants are having a hard time to keep their proportion of the people, as the nation is rapidly growing.

It is in this situation that our Baptist work is carried out to-day. No easy victories, but much faithful labour for Christ — that is a characteristic of the work.

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Speaker For State V. B. S. Clinic



Dr. Charles Treadway, of the Vacation Bible School Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be the principal visiting program personality for the annual State V. B. S. Clinic set for First Church, Canton, Feb. 7-9, it has been announced by Dr. E. C. Williams, state Sunday School secretary.

Those to attend will include associational V. B. S. leaders and missionaries, pastors, local Sunday School superintendents and any other interested leaders.

Several state leaders will also appear on the program.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SET ALL-TIME RECORD IN 1954

Evangelistic Meet Records Largest Crowd In Years

The state Evangelistic Conference adjourned at noon Wednesday after recording the largest attendance in several years and hearing the date of Feb. 13-15 announced for next year's conference.

The First Church of Jackson will again be the meeting place.

The feature of this year's conference was the series of five sermons delivered by Dr. Carl E. Bates, conference preacher.

Dr. Bates, native and well-known Mississippian and now pastor of the First Church of Amarillo, Texas, sent the brethren home inspired to increase their efforts in the field of evangelism.

Adequate interest was given to preparation for the Simultaneous Crusades scheduled to be held this spring in the state.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Southern Baptists gained 613,190 in Sunday school enrolment in 1954 to set an all-time record in denominational gains, according to a report released this week by J. P. Edmunds, Southern Baptist Convention statistician. The gain was a 10.7 per cent increase over 1953, and brought the denomination's Sunday school enrolment to 6,372,318. The report climaxed a Convention-wide Sunday school campaign directed by J. N. Barnette, secretary of the Sunday school department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The increase, Edmunds said was 107,000 greater than the combined gain of the previous two years.

Church membership increased 296,289, a gain of 3.8 per cent over 1953, to reach a total of 8,182,305. A gain of 403 churches brought the total number of churches to 29,899.

The 29,899 churches reported 396,757 baptisms, a gain of 9.7 per cent over 1953, and total gifts of \$305,573,654, a gain of 9.6 per cent. Mission gifts were reported as \$52,926,157, a gain of 9.3 per cent. Total per capita gifts were \$37.35; and mission per capita gifts, \$6.47.

Training Union, a Sunday evening training group for the entire church family, enrolment climbed to 2,073,371, a gain of 12 per cent; Woman's Missionary Union to 1,306,834, a gain of 10 per cent; and Brotherhood enrolment reached 274,348, a gain of 12.9 per cent.

The expansion of Southern Baptists was further reflected in the gain of \$55,256,924 in property value, as total property value increased to \$1,075,761,138, a gain of 5.4 per cent over 1953.

Vacation Bible school enrolment reached 2,570,290, a gain of 14 per cent over 1953. Vacation Bible schools were held in 73 per cent of the churches, and 48,038 conversions were reported in these schools.

Southern Baptists are the fastest growing major denomination in the United States. Since 1944, their membership has increased from 5,667,926 to 8,182,305 in 1954, a gain of 44 per cent. Sunday school enrolment increased from 3,372,909 to 6,372,318, a gain of 89 per cent; Training Union enrolment, an organization for the training of church members, increased from 759,885 to 2,073,371, a

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Program Personalities For BSU Meet



Annual state Seminar for Student Directors was held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week at Baptist Building here. Shown above are left to right: Charles W. Horner, state BSU secretary; Dr. Sabin Landry, professor Southern Seminary, Louisville; Miss Dorothy Sears, BSU director Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.; Dr. W. F. Howard, state BSU secretary for Texas; and Dr. Rogers Smith, associate director of Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond. All the above except Mr. Horner were visiting program personalities.

Dept. of State Issues Statement On U. S. Military Men of Spain

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — A very strong statement concerning the problem of the religious welfare of United States military personnel stationed in Spain has been made by the Chief Publicity Service Division of the Department of State. Howard A. Cook speaking for the Division in a letter said, "No steps will be taken by this government which will interfere with the traditional religious functions of the military chaplains."

He also said, "Discussions have been in progress in Madrid between local United States and Spanish Military authorities con-

cerning certain administrative and legal questions arising from the presence of United States Military personnel in Spain. One of the questions involved in this discussion has been that of marriage by the United States Armed Forces in Spain.

"The tentative views of the local military authorities have been received by your government in Washington, where they will be given careful review before any decisions are made."

The letter was addressed to Dr. J. W. Storer, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in response to a query sent to Secretary John Foster Dulles of the Department of State.

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Southern Baptists . . .

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gain of 173 per cent.

The Southern Baptist Convention now has co-operating churches in thirty-five states, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Summary of 1954 Gains

	1954	1953	Gain	%
Churches	29,899	29,496	403	1.4
Baptisms	396,757	361,835	34,922	9.7
Membership	8,182,305	7,886,016	296,289	3.8
S. S. Enrollment	5,242,368	5,059,128	183,240	3.6
V. B. S. Enrollment	2,570,290	2,262,084	308,206	14.0
T. U. Enrollment	2,073,371	1,849,544	223,827	12.0
WMU Enrollment	1,306,834	1,188,080	118,754	10.0
B'hod Enrollment	274,348	242,918	31,430	12.9
Total Gifts	\$305,573,654	\$278,851,129	26,722,525	9.6
Missions & Benev.	\$52,926,157	\$48,427,760	4,498,397	9.3
Total Value Church Property	\$1,075,761,138	\$1,020,504,214	55,256,924	5.4

Japan Cools Off . . .

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There are two major Baptist groups working in Japan. Already in 1860 Baptist work was opened in Yokohama by a sailor and missionary from the Northern Baptist in the U. S. A. Southern Baptists began their work in 1889, beginning in Kobe. The work through both missionary societies grew. Schools were established and conventions formed.

In 1941 the desires and the power of a totalitarian state was revealed. All the Protestant churches were forced to join into one body: The Kyodan or the United Christian Church of Japan. This merger was forced by the government. The churches had to choose: join or give up. And the unity did not last long after the war. Several groups—among them the Anglicans, the Lutherans, the Salvation Army and the churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention—withdrawed their membership from the Kyodan. These Baptist Churches formed the Japan Baptist Convention. The churches affiliated with the Northern or, as it is now called, the American Baptist Convention stayed in the Kyodan. Recently, however, a Baptist fellowship of American Baptist Convention churches has been formed, the Shinsei Kai.

I traveled extensively in Japan—for three weeks—and spoke in many churches and schools and had many question-and-answer periods. A visitor inevitably will become impressed with the many schools, founded by Christian missions. Here certainly Christianity has made a very important and constructive contribution to Japan: it has helped to open the way to a better life through knowledge in a Christian setting both for the individuals and for the nation as a whole. It may be that the results in actual converts are not as outstanding as one might want, but certainly here the unselfish attitude of caring for one's neighbor has found a practical expression!

It was great to visit the Baptist schools. The American Baptists operate six schools from primary grades to the high level Kanto University in Yokohama. The Southern Baptists operate a

girl's high school and junior college in Kokura—Seinan Jo Gakuin—and a boy's high school and university in Fukuoka—Seinan Gakuin. Both Baptist fellowships have seminaries.

In the Shinsei Kai there were in 1953 approximately 5,300 members in 55 churches. The Japan Baptist Convention reported in April 1954 58 churches with about 7,000 members. The number of baptisms in the past statistical year in this convention was 1,080, in Shinsei Kai 400. The figures of the Japan Baptist Convention indicate a fine growth, for after the war less than 1,000 members formed this fellowship.

To meet the Baptist youth of Japan has been an interesting, educational, and joyful experience. The Japanese people do not give audible and visible expressions of their feelings. They are trained not to show any emotions. And it may be, that one does not sense so much of what they actually feel religiously. May-be their introvert nature and strong interest in the intellectual side of our faith do not make for expressions, which in the West are recognized signs of an evangelical, vital faith: Warmness, enthusiasm, drive, spontaneity. And may-be more of these qualities of our faith are needed in Japan! The intellectual interest is apparent. Theology is held in high esteem. This intellectual approach and the introvert attitude of the people may count for the fact that evangelism is not yet the strongest feature among the Baptist youth.

The interest in Baptist youth in other parts of the world is strong. Particularly the youth work in Europe attracted the interest of the Japanese Baptist youth, and in Europe Germany was the land of their choice. They feel closely related to Germany: both countries lost the war and had to find new foundations for their lives. How happy I was to be able to tell the great story of God's mighty deeds among German Baptist youth after the war!

Three questions were invariably asked of me: "What do you think of the A- and H-bombs?" "What should be our attitude to the re-armament of Japan?" and

"What do you think of Communism and Red China?" The questions revealed the very difficult position of Japan to-day—with radio-active ashes from American Bikini bomb tests and Russian Siberia bomb tests on her coasts! The A- and H-bombs have a profound impact upon all Japanese. And so has the war. The youth hate war. They do not want to embark upon rearmament again. And one reason for this negativism towards America is the change of American policy in this respect. After the war America said: "No army—Japan shall be the nation, which will lead into world peace." Now the policy is: "Rearm—and help to defend the Western world against Communism!" The Japanese are confused and certainly not very happy.

I found among Japanese Baptist youth a seriousness regarding their faith, which points to spiritual health. Their interest in finding Christian solutions to the problems of modern life reflected in the questions above, and in their questions regarding marriage, was another sign of Christian quality. Then their sincere interest in the love for our world-wide fellowship of young Baptists was most encouraging. I was royally received and felt very much of the sincere friendship which developed.

In this short article there has not been opportunity to touch on several matters of interest, e. g. the Agricultural - evangelistic project "the Rifu Christian Centre", the Gospel Ship Mission on the Inland Sea, the new society, the problems for young and new converted Christians, finding their way into Christian fellowship of Baptistic nature and the revival of Buddhism and Shintoism. The problems for Christian Japan certainly are many. With this background in mind it is encouraging to know that the Japanese Baptists walk along in seriousness and faith in co-operation with about 180 Baptist missionaries from various denominations. And this story, as told by one of the missionaries, may serve as the illustration of the situation for Christianity right now.

There was a man, who while he was a soldier secretly was introduced to the Bible by a Christian Japanese officer. However, he never became a Christian. He became totally disgusted with the army. He just despised it's totalitarianism. After the war he tried Communism, but found the spirit there to be like the one in the army: totalitarianism. Then for two years he tried the Roman Catholic Church. But it was here like in the army: totalitarianism. One day he met a Baptist pastor on the train. The pastor invited him to a youth meeting. Here he found a different atmosphere. Here were open minds and opportunities for free discussions. He had found something new and thought that perhaps this is it. There he stands to day and it is up to the leaders

New Officers Clerks and Moderators



The Fall Of Man

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Bishop Creighton has said, "Whenever you have got the ape and the tiger out of people there still remains the donkey, a much more stubborn animal." George Cheyne, a Scotch physician, when a person was talking about the excellence of human nature, exclaimed: "Hoot, hoot, man! Human nature is a rogue and a scoundrel, or why should it perpetually stand in the need of laws and of religion."

Facts are brutal. We may say that man is selfish, self-centered, cruel, egocentric or narcissistic or whatever we feel is appropriate. But the Bible calls him sinful. Furthermore, his sin began in the Garden of Eden when he chose to listen to Satan rather than to God.

Man is not an animal trying to become an angel. Nor is he a child of God who is temporarily out of line. He is both dust and deity. The "fall of man" means that when Adam voluntarily sinned he set the pace for the whole human race. And the facts prove that we have all fallen in line.

"By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22). That is the New Testament version of Genesis 3.

Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn said: "Well, then, what's the use you learning to do right, when it's troublesome to do right and ain't no trouble to do wrong." The fall of man is God's record of why this is true. The story of Adam and Eve is the story of you and of me.

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of that group to convey to him the freedom and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Japan may not be wide open to the Gospel, but Japan is in deep need in its moral and its religious life. It stands with a quest for a faith. It is great to know that our Baptist fellowship is doing its part in making Christ known in "the land of the rising sun!"

New officers elected at the Clerks and Moderators Association last week in Jackson were as follows, Left to right: President, Rev. Fred Tarpley, pastor Ridgecrest Church, Jackson; Vice-President, Dr. T. J. De-laughter, pastor First Church, Pascagoula; assistant secretary, Mrs. E. A. Young, Lafayette County; and secretary-treasurer, Rev. Chester Moulder, Hattiesburg.

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ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— An organized Baptist choir is planning a 30-day tour of Europe this summer in connection with its visit to the Baptist World Alliance in London. The choir, under the direction of George D. Crawford, minister of music at Inman Park Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., is composed of seventy-five singers from thirty-three churches in the Atlanta Baptist Association.

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A long-awaited need, a Southern Baptist encyclopedia, is soon to be met, according to progress being made currently in that direction.

Definite plans have been approved which will bring about the production of this instrument, to be placed on sale at the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Chicago in 1957.

The encyclopedia is a joint endeavor with the various state conventions cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The encyclopedia will contain approximately 1500 pages and will be in either one or two volumes and complete in every detail. It will contain thorough and accurate information regarding every phase of state and Southern Baptist life.

Included will be history, doctrines, biographies, organizations, activities and every trace of information usually carried in encyclopedias.

Mississippi will be allotted 40 pages and information on every phase of Mississippi Baptist life will be carried.

Dr. Norman W. Cox, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, Nashville, will be managing editor.

Committees to prepare the copy for each Southern Baptist agency and each state Convention have been appointed.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, has announced that Rev. Joe Abrams, state Director of Promotion; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton, executive secretary of the Mississippi Historical Society and Rev. C. B. Hamlet III, pastor First Church, Winona are the members of the state committee and have already begun work.

This encyclopedia will be of tremendous value to all Baptists as well as others seeking information about Baptists.

Volumes of this encyclopedia will likely find their way into most of the libraries of our nation and it will prove of great value as a means of helping all people to understand Baptists and their work.

It will be the first Southern Baptist effort to produce an encyclopedia. Its official name will be "Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists."

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World Alliance Day Points To The World

As Baptist World Alliance Day rolls around again—this coming Sunday, Feb. 6, Baptists of Mississippi are urged to look to the world as never before as a mission field.

Events taking place in the world today should make every one of us more conscious of our responsibility in world affairs.

Jesus' last command was a world command. He was a world citizen. His chief concern was and is world redemption.

The Baptist World Alliance is the fellowship organization of Baptist bodies around the world.

Many are lost around the world. Many are suffering around the

world. Sunday Baptist Churches will have an opportunity to make an offering to the Alliance.

The Alliance itself meets July 16-22 and many from Mississippi will be going.

The officers of the Baptist World Alliance have written a very timely letter of greetings to all Baptists throughout the world.

World Alliance President F. Townley Lord, of London reminds us that this year is the 162nd anniversary of William Carey's landing in India and also recalls his challenge: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

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Is This Fair Play

In a recent issue of a religious paper published in a northern state was an article containing a letter from a reader of said paper. The editor stated that he held the letter for five weeks during which he "prayerfully considered whether he should publish it in the—"

He stated that he was publishing it because he thought it would be of great value as a warning to young students in schools that are supposed to be Christian.

Concerning the letter: It gives an incident that is said to have happened in a Baptist college in 1936—which was 18 years ago.

He now warns young people—18 years later—against said school.

Some things need to be said. He must be hard up for schools to criticize to have to go back 18 years. Evidently this fine Baptist college is okay now or he would have used more recent evidence.

Almost any college or person can be condemned if we go back far enough.

We recall publishing in the Baptist Record some years ago an article by this same editor. In the article he acknowledge some mistakes he had made. Should he NOW

be condemned for wrongs done long ago?

Most of us, this editor included, would be in a bad fix if we were NOW condemned for sins done long ago.

There are several colleges much closer to this man's headquarters that need some cleaning up.

Furthermore, the college so unfairly besmirched, belongs to the Baptists of one of our fine state conventions. It is their affair. Let him clean up around home first before invading other states.

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Problem For Doubters

How often have we heard some person express doubt concerning Jonah and the whale. Some even assert that no fish has a throat large enough to swallow a human body.

For this benefit we remind that Japanese newspapers reported on November 1 that the body of a boy 13 years of age, fully clothed was found in a 2,000 pound shark caught near Nagasaki.

Now the doubters will have to find some other excuse for denying God's Word.

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Our Readers Write

"HOW OLD?"

One of the greatest accomplishments of mankind is to be able to do balanced thinking. We are prone to go to extremes on many things, often without good reason. And once an erroneous idea gets started, it is often difficult to curb. And extremes are always dangerous.

Recently, a conversation was overheard between two Baptist deacons. One stated that he thought no Church should call a man over thirty or thirty-five years of age as pastor. The other man chided him for his extreme view, stating that some of the most valuable and indispensable knowledge is to be gained

only by experience, and not from books; and our youngest men are not so likely to have such valuable knowledge.

It is to be remembered that the Bible has nothing to say about age limits for pastors. But it is to be remembered that Paul, in writing Timothy about the qualifications for ministers, stated that a minister should be "not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride, he fall into the condemnation of the devil." (I Timothy 3:6).

There are occasions when churches with big problems call young and inexperienced men, and they are successful. But many more stories could be related about churches calling young men for heavy pastoral responsibilities, and the young men were not yet ready for them. It was neither fair to the minister nor the church. The pastorate was not a success; harm was done that required years for the church to overcome, and the pastor's career was sadly affected.

More than once there have been candidates for President of the United States who were far apart in age. On one such occasion, one candidate in his sixties said of his rival candidate, who was several years his junior, "If the American people want to place the leadership of their Government in immature hands, the decision is theirs to make." The senior candidate was elected and proved his point.

Brethren, who is going to pay pensions for our "old" ministers over thirty-five; and who is going to repair the damage when a young man is called into a pastorate for which he is not prepared by seasoning and experience?

—A Pastor—Age 47

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THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

is a book of 11 chapters based on facts in the Old Testament concerning the tabernacle. The volume is prepared by Dr. Charles E. Fuller, evangelist on the Old Fashioned Revival Hour for 30 years. The book may be ordered from the Fleming H. Revell Company, or from the Baptist Book Store. Price, \$1.50.

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Serving the student body of Mississippi College one week was the Freshman Baptist Student Union Executive Council, pictured above, which was composed entirely of members of the freshman class. This group presided at all meetings during the week and was in charge of the regular monthly Greater Council meeting Monday night, January 17.

The Freshman Council was headed by John Legg of Drew as President. Serving with him were the following: Enlistment vice-president, Clarence Lentz, Vicksburg; Social vice-president, Sue Kelly, Tupelo; Devotional vice-president, Nancy Wright, Franklinton, Louisiana; Secretary, Ethel Mae Mitchell, Nicholson; Stewardship Chairman,

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To Lead Choir Clinic

Dr. Warren Angel, Dean of the School of Music of the Oklahoma Baptist University, will lead in a Choir Clinic at First Church, Jackson, beginning Monday night, February 7 and closing Friday night, February 11.

Dr. Angel is one of the outstanding Choral Directors in America. He has led the Ridgecrest choral group in presenting Handel's "Messiah" for several years. For several years he was a member of the Fred Waring choral group.

The First Church of Jackson is sponsoring this event, and extending the invitation to all musicians in and around Jackson; also other musicians throughout the entire state are invited to participate in the Choir Clinic. There will be no cost involved, and you are urged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity under the leadership of one of America's leading composers and directors.

Mr. Reid Moore is the Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church of Jackson. He leads the music work in Hinds Association, and this invitation is extended through Mr. Moore.

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If the person who sent a favorite Bible verse quoting Psalm 103:10 will send his name we will be glad to use it. No name was attached and therefore it cannot be used.



Dr. Warren Angel

The National Association of Evangelicals is producing a program which includes a series of thirty evangelistic advertisements for the purpose of counteracting similar non-evangelical advertisements. The reader will be urged to send for a pamphlet explaining the historical beliefs of Bible-believing Protestants.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Bolivar County Association, which held its 31st annual session with First Church, Cleveland and Calvary Church, Cleveland on October 11 and 12, 1954. The next session is to be held with the Merigold Church.

Man Of Distinction

Not only does liquor make "men of distinction," but it sometime makes "women of distinction." Far too often the distinction is not something of which a person would be proud.

The liquor industry is constantly publishing advertisements setting forth the fact that liquor makes men of distinction. Their interpretation of distinction is "outstanding, above the ordinary." They fail to give the other side. We want to help them, so that people will have a true picture. Below is given the facts concerning a recent regrettable occurrence.

According to an Associated Press article Mrs. _____, 42, was given life imprisonment after pleading guilty to murdering her husband. When arrested the woman told the sheriff that she spread a blanket over her husband's body, splashed kerosene on it and set it afire.

The fatal shooting followed a night of heavy drinking and violent arguments.

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Miss Faye Wilkes, Meridian, is the new student secretary of Blue Mountain College succeeding Miss Jane Ray Bean who resigned to accept the position of southwide associate secretary of the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

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Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

February 6, 1955

THE GRACE OF GOD

BIBLE TEXT: Luke 15:11-24; Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 2:11-14; 1 John 4:10.

I. THE WORD "GRACE"

The word which we translate by the word "Grace" is very old. It is used in the New Testament more than 150 times — more than 100 times in the Epistles of Paul; eight times in Luke's Gospel, three times in John's Gospel, though never in Matt. or Mark. In its earliest use it meant beauty, attractiveness, that which pleases or attracts. It survives in our language in the word gracious.

Our Lord and his disciples filled it with this meaning; a beautiful thing given with no expectation of anything given in return and the beautiful thing given in this sense is given as the expression of the Love of God.

We might say, then, that the grace of God is the love of God expressing itself in the gift of his unmerited favor to the helpless and the undeserving, so we could say that the love of God graced a fallen world in the gift of his only begotten son.

"By grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory." (Ephesians 2: 8, 9)

II. TO WHOM GRACE COMES

"The grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men," (Titus 2:11). That is, the grace of God hath appeared unto all men — all kinds of men, all conditions of men, all ranks of all races of men. The grace of God appeared to the woman at Jacob's Well, a degraded, soiled, and sordid woman. At the other end of the social scale, the grace of God came to Lydia, successful business woman, wealthy, wise, devoted, and in the highest sense a respectable woman.

The grace of God came to Nicodemus, cultured, wealthy, highly respected and a devout leader, an able teacher of the finest religious system that blessed the world before the coming of our Lord. At the other extreme of the social and intellectual scale stands the jailor of Philippi — brutal, unlearned, participator in the quelling of riots and execution of the cruel laws of his district. But the grace of God came to him.

III. WHAT THE GRACE OF GOD BRINGS

The grace of God brings the priceless boon of salvation. Salvation by the grace of God means salvation from the failure and the lost possibilities and potentialities of man.

The grace of God comes to take these ruined, sin-stained, corrupt, lives of ours and change them into lives that shall glorify their Maker. Salvation means rescue from the corruption and

weakness and rebellion of sin into the cleanliness and glorious strength of the Lord, and into a state of loyalty to him.

The grace of God is not primarily seeking to save us from the certainty of the flames of hell or into certainty of the bliss of heaven; but the salvation which grace brings is seeking to make somewhat worthwhile and God-honoring of these present and souls and minds and bodies of ours.

IV. WHAT GRACE TEACHES

1. Negatively, "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts" (Titus 2:12.) Our brother Paul is saying here that the grace of God in the human heart will prohibit to that heart a habitual practice of the sinful and harmful. Along every path of life there are warnings to us against our saying and doing the sinful wicked word and work. We need constantly to keep in mind that there are a thousand things we would best not do; and all of those prohibited things may be classified under these two headings: Ungodliness and Worldly Lusts, Worldly Desires.

2. Positively. We should live:

(a) Soberly, that is temperately, self-controlled. Grace teaches us self control; to control the appetite, the temper, the passions. There is no sin in gratifying the appetites so long as the appetites are held in reasonable bounds. How glorious the passions are when held unto their proper purpose, but, ah, how disgustingly degrading they are when unleashed in wild career.

(b) Righteously, this means that we should do right in our relationships with our neighbors — that our thoughts of our neighbors should be right, and our words concerning them and to them, and our actions as affecting them.

(c) Godly. And this means that we should treat God right. We ought as far as we know discharge our duty to God. In order to live Godly, we ought to study His Book that we may gain further knowledge as to what our duty is. This will include our worship of him. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Tim. 1:17).

V. THE GLORIOUS HOPE GRACE SETS BEFORE MEN

"Looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:13, 14).

There it is! A hope which fruits into a faith in an event which the trusting heart regards as so certain as one already accomplished. This Jesus Christ is our great God and Saviour. He is coming back to earth again. He has given himself for his own people. He has redeemed them from all iniquity. He will



Marilyn Hager

Miss Marilyn Hager, of Nashville, is a new addition to the staff of the Church Library Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board. She serves as technical advisor on library problems and has a column in the monthly Church Library Service Bulletin in which she answers library questions.

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Home Board Names Ridgecrest And Glorieta Speakers

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BN) — Programs and personnel for the Ridgecrest and Glorieta Home Mission Weeks have been announced by Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board.

The Ridgecrest conference is slated for June 2-8, with Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, as nightly speaker.

Dr. E. N. Patterson, professor, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, will speak on "The Ordinances" in his daily Bible Hour at Ridgecrest.

Dr. H. H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., is speaking each night in the Glorieta conference August 11-17. The Bible teacher will be Dr. Jesse J. Northcutt, Director, School of Theology, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. His subject will be "The Church."

The Second Annual Convention-wide Rural Church Conference will be held in conjunction with Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest.

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ATLANTA, Ga. — (BN) — G. Frank Garrison, Superintendent of Church Building Loan Funds for the Home Mission Board, announces an increase in the staff handling such loan funds. There are now seven workers giving a major part of their time to this phase of work, thus providing for more efficient and rapid service.

purify them through the good works to which he has set their hands. He will gather his loved ones to himself that they may share his glory world without end. Amen.

Gillsburg Church Has Good Organ Fund Day

The Gillsburg Church observed "Organ Fund Day" Jan. 30. The church had previously voted to give all money donated that day toward the purchase of an electric organ. The offering totaled \$424.00.

Rev. D. T. Evans is pastor of Gillsburg Church, which is one of the churches with the "Every Family Plan" for the Baptist Record.

5 ANCIENT SINS is published by Sword of the Lord publishers, Wheaton, Illinois and is selling for \$1.25. Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor, Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, is the author. The five sins about which Mr. Roberson writes are jealousy, "the sin that blinds"; gossip, "the sin that blasts"; selfishness, "the sin that bleeds"; malice, "the sin that burns"; and unfaithfulness, "the sin that burdens." Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

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The month of February will be "preparation month." We are interested in the offering that will come as a result of our knowledge and prayer.

This Annie Armstrong Offering
There will be a particular pull in the Annie Armstrong Offering this March, as we look at the list of Good Will Centers expecting their support from the \$1,375,000 to be gathered in during this Week of Prayer.

In 1934, Miss Mallory suggested that this offering be named in tribute to Miss Annie Armstrong. Miss Mallory remembered "Miss Annie" for her college days at Goucher. As a faithful Baptist student she attended Eutaw Place church and saw Miss Annie and Miss Alice Sunday after Sunday in their accustomed pew. Miss Mallory wanted to keep the memory of the sacrificial life of Miss Armstrong in the hearts of Southern Baptist women.

Now, this first Week of Prayer for Home Missions after Miss Mallory's homegoing, we give from the Annie Armstrong Offering the salaries for four workers, and the operating expenses for the Kathleen Mallory Good Will Center in Baltimore. We will give and pray with new zeal remembering the prayers and gifts of Miss Kathleen Mallory. "The Best I Got from America" "Millions of immigrants have found in America wealth, fame and social honor," says a young Italian who had been converted under the ministry of a devoted home missionary, "but I have found something that no money, fame or honor could buy. I have found Jesus Christ. This is the best that I got from America."

But thousands have not yet found this best gift. You can help by your Annie Armstrong Offering and your prayers for home missions.

Congratulations to these GIRLS' AUXILIARIES who were A-I last year: Concord (Choctaw Ass'n), Ackerman, Bay Springs, Biloxi First (9 and 10); Brandon, North Carrollton, Cascilla, Cleveland First (Jr.), Coffeeville (Jr.), Columbus First

(Jr.), Peach Creek, Crystal Springs (Jr.), Decatur (Int.), Ecu (Jr.), Evansville (Jr.) and Int), Grenada First (Jr.), Hattiesburg First (Jr.), Heidelberg, Ingomar (Jr. and Int.), Iuka (Jr.); Jackson First Zelma Foster, and Kitty Cooper), Jackson Griffith (Pender), Long Beach, Lucien, Friendship, McComb First (Jr.), McComb East, Meridian First (Int.), Meridian 15th Ave. (Gilbert and Willis) Moorhead, Washington, Natchez Fellowship, Natchez First (Cross); New Albany First (Jr.), Pascagoula First (Joyce Clark and Ruth Basey), Pontotoc (Jr.), Purvis, Quitman (Pender), Ripley (Int.), Bethesda (Bernice Tipton); Tylertown (Jr.) Vicksburg Trinity (Riddell), Verona (Ware), Weir (Jr.), West Point, Siloam (Darlene Hall) and Yazoo City First (Darrington).

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Thy snow-capped peaks, I love to see,
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Thy mighty rivers I adore,
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In '67 by Seward's might,
Alaska, my Alaska,
Thy inmost wealth was brought to life,
Alaska, my Alaska.
Tho' slow thy growth through many a year,
Thy motto has been "Perse-

vere,"
Thy fame is sung both far and near,
Alaska, my Alaska.

Oh, may thy future shine most clear,
Alaska, my Alaska,
And in the hearts of men grow dear,
Alaska, my Alaska.

Henceforth, O land of ice and snow,
The wealth from out thy hills shall flow
And cast o'er all a radiant glow,
Alaska, my Alaska.

Calvary, Batesville to Have Homecoming

Calvary Church, Batesville, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday Feb. 6, it has been announced by the pastor, Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr.

Services will be held morning, afternoon and evening with dinner to be served at 1 o'clock.

The pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock hour and Rev. Paul Williams will speak at the afternoon service.

The church was organized Oct. 18, 1952 and now is completely organized. A pastorium was built in 1954.

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Joe T. Odle, Jr.

Joe T. Odle, Jr., sophomore and student leader at Mississippi College, died early Monday morning, Jan. 31, at his home in Gulfport of cancer. He was 20.

The youth, the son of the pastor of First Baptist Church, had recently returned home after undergoing treatment at the Foundation Hospital in New Orleans.

Young Odle was stewardship chairman of the state BSU council. He was editor of the "Collegian," Mississippi College's weekly newspaper; was a member of the debate team; president of the Philomatheans, literary society; had served as vice-president of his freshman class; and was a member of men's chorus. He had served as a missionary in North Carolina during the summer.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at First Church in Gulfport with Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College; the Rev. Russell McIntyre, pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church; and Frank Horton, Mississippi College student secretary, officiating.

Survivors include his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Joe T. Odle, Sr., and a sister, Miss Sarah Odle.

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Mrs. Gordon Sather, wife of the Associational Superintendent of Missions of Carroll-Montgomery Associations, has joined the staff of First Church, Winona, as Educational Director. Mrs. Sather holds a Master's degree in Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary.

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Pastors' Seminar Speaker



Dr. Frank Stagg

Dr. Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament Interpretation, New Orleans Seminary, will be one of the faculty of three who will conduct the Pastors' Seminar scheduled to be held at the First Church, Jackson, Feb. 14-18, it has been announced by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor.

Dr. Stagg will deliver the New Testament Lectures on Corinthians. He is one of the outstanding Bible teachers in the Convention and will speak each day during the Seminar which will begin Monday morning at 9 o'clock and continue through Friday evening.

Other faculty members will be Dr. F. F. Brown, pastor emeritus, First Church, Knoxville, Tenn., and Dr. Robert Baker,

Missions Conference To Meet in Dallas February 21-24

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BN) — Superintendents of Baptist City Mission programs, pastors, and lay people from all over the Southern Baptist Convention will gather in Dallas, Texas, February 21-24 for the Eleventh Annual City Missions Conference.

Dr. S. F. Dowis, Secretary of Co-operative Missions, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, is directing the conference, which is sponsored by the Home Board.

The conference will be held in Dallas' First Baptist Church, with Dr. W. A. Criswell acting as host pastor for the 300 expected conferees.

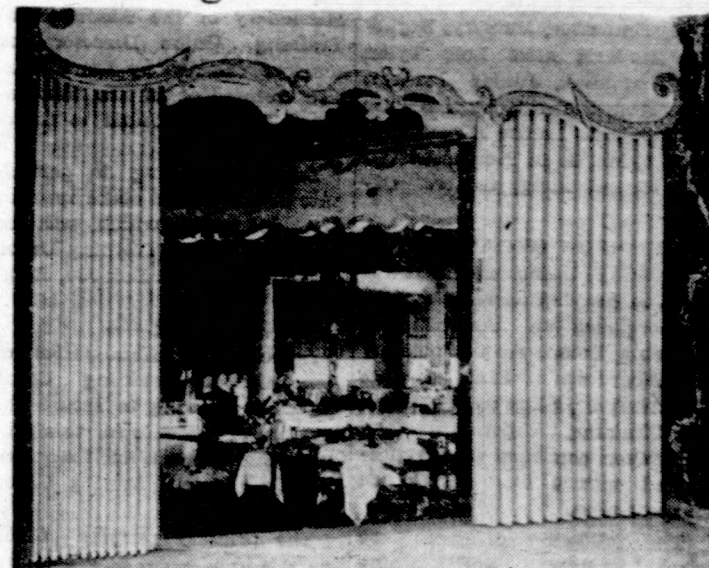
Highlights of the conference include discussions and demonstrations of effective city mission work, inspirational addresses, a Bible study on Philippians, and an orientation program for new Superintendents and committees.

professor Church History, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

The seminar, the second such meeting in two years, will be open to any pastor or other interested leader in the state and those wanting to enroll are requested to contact Dr. Hudgins.

The seminar is sponsored by the host church. There is no charge for the seminar itself but those attending will make their own entertainment plans.

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CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION

A Central Training School was recently conducted in Riverside Association at Riverside Baptist Church in Clarksdale. Eighteen churches participated in the school. An average attendance of 155 was maintained for the week, beginning Monday, January 17 and ending Friday, January 22, with a total of 246 enrolled in the school. The school was planned and promoted by Mrs. M. C. Waldrup, Associational Training Union Director of Riverside Association and Mr. M. C. Waldrup, Associational Missionary. Riverside Association is composed of three counties: Coahoma, Quitman, and Tunica.

The churches represented were as follows: Marks, West Marks, Reynolds Memorial, Tunica, Belen, Clarksdale, Crowder, Darling, Hollywood, Walnut, Lyon, Riverside, Oakhurst, Sunflower, Roundaway, Green River, Lula and Union Chapel.

The following local workers taught in the school: Mrs. J. E. Jackson, Juniors; Miss Eva Joyce Carraway, Intermediates; Mrs. Buddie Davison, Nursery; Mrs. L. L. Logan, Beginners; Miss Billie J. Kanada, Primaries.

The visiting faculty from outside the association was as follows: Mrs. Ellis Tiffany, Nursery, Beginner, Primary worker, of Rogers, Arkansas, Primary leaders; Mrs. Sammie Meek of Nashville, Tennessee, Nursery, Beginner leaders; Miss Lois Tyler, Jackson, Miss., Junior leaders; Miss Neta Stewart, Intermediate leaders; Miss Louise Hill, Young People; Mr. G. G. Pierce, Adults; Mr. Kermit King, General Officers.

MONROE ORGANIZES

Training Union members of Monroe Association recently met to organize an Associational Training Union. At the meeting in Aberdeen at First Baptist Church five pastors were present, six Training Union Directors, and seven churches were represented with a total attendance of sixty-nine.

The following officers were elected as Associational Training Union officers of Monroe Association: Mr. Verne White, Amory, Associational Training Union Director; Mr. B. G. Harper, Aberdeen, Associate Director; Mr. R. B. Sanders, Amory, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. R. L. Fairchild, Hamilton, Song Leader; Miss Betsy Rosbuck, Aberdeen, Pianist; Rev. Frank Thomas, Aberdeen, Pastor-Advisor. These are the general officers.

The department leaders are: Mr. Paul Rankin, Adult Leader; Mr. Edsel Hill, Young People's Leader; Mrs. Bernice Barrett,

Intermediate Leader; Mr. Howard Hill, Junior Leader; Mrs. Rose Wade, Primary Leader; Mrs. V. O. Guinn, Beginner Leader; Mrs. Russell Reece, Nursery Leader; Group Directors: Mr. Ed Baker, Group I Director and Mrs. Charles Montgomery, Group II Director.

The first executive committee meeting of the association was set for 2 p. m. at Becker on February 6, 1955. The tentative date for the associational eliminations for the Convention and Assembly features was scheduled for May 15, 1955, at Amory at 2 p. m. The District Training Union Convention which Monroe Association will attend is on June 2 at Houston which is in District 7.

Rev. Frank Thomas, pastor of First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, was host pastor for the meeting and was the presiding officer.

STUDENT SUMMER SERVICE

The Baptist Training Union Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will employ a limited number of college or seminary students this summer for a period of six weeks, July 3 to August 12 to do Training Union field work.

Students who are accepted for work will be expected to come to Jackson by noon, June 23 for a period of training through Saturday noon, June 25.

This work is under the direct supervision of an Associational Missionary or the Associational Training Union Director or someone selected by the Executive Committee of the associational Training Union to direct the program.

Students desiring to participate in this should make application on forms which will be provided by the Training Union Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson.

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Associational Missionaries or Associational Training Union Directors desiring to secure the services of students for this program should make such requests directly to the Training Union Department.

The primary purpose of this work is to organize new Training Unions where there are none; organize new unions where needed; enlist sufficient leadership for the church training program; and develop the work generally in the churches. This is a summer mission program for the work is missionary in plan and purpose. These students may be used in activities other than that directly related to Training Union. We encourage associational leadership to use these workers in Vacation Bible Schools along with their Training Union study courses.

Keeton Ordained To Gospel Ministry



Louis Naylor Keeton, Jr.

Louis Naylor Keeton, Jr. was ordained to the gospel ministry by the South Side Church in Meridian, on January 2. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Keeton, Sr., of Meridian and is a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The music was directed by Mr. George Farr; organist, Evan Godwin, Jr. and pianist, Charles Bryan. Members of the ordaining council: Moderator, Rev. E. F. Graesser; clerk, Rev. E. F. Grayson; Pastor, Rev. W. E. Speed, Rev. T. L. Pfeifer, Rev. R. M. Tipton, Deacons William Hall, L. R. Graham and S. T. Green. Presentation of Bible was by Deacon William Hall. Ordination Prayer was led by the Rev. Mr. Pfeifer. Ordination sermon was given by the Pastor.

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Religious Drama Festival Planned By Baptist Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB) — A religious drama festival will be held April 15-16 at Belmont College, Nashville. It is sponsored by the Church Recreation Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant, secretary. Mrs. Pylant will direct the festival, assisted by Howard Pelham, head of the drama department of Belmont College.

The purpose of the festival is to create interest in the field of religious drama and the development of more dramatic materials for use by Southern Baptist churches. All churches and colleges who are emphasizing religious drama are invited.

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My Favorite Bible Verse

Mrs. E. D. Shafer, Port Gibson
"I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13 (King James Version).

Readers are invited to send their favorite Bible verse. The Baptist Record plans to publish one each week. When sending your favorite verse address as follows: The Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

1000 Churches Estimated To Have Observed Stewardship Revival — 1954

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 7 — Dr. I. E. Rouse, President, William Carey College; Vacation Bible School Clinic, First Church, Canton.

February 8 — H. J. Winstead,

Neshoba Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary, W. M. U.

February 9 — Thomas B. Morris, Alcorn Associational Brotherhood President; Coach James Allen, Mississippi College faculty.

February 10 — T. E. Lee, Clarke College faculty; Rev. C. H. Cutrell, Calhoun Associational Chairman of Evangelism.

February 11 — BSU Dedicated Vocations Week; Wayne Maxey, Union County Associational Music Director.

February 12 — Rev. Pat Loftin, Franklin Associational Training Union Director; Chaplain James B. Parker, Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

February 13 — BSU Life Commitment Day; Rev. Lester Janes, Tippah Associational Missionary.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

40 Years Ago

There is an agitation in favor of establishing at Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, several articles in the Baptist Record by brethren in Louisiana and Mississippi advocating it, also Editor P. I. Lipsey.

Prof. Claude Bennett, superintendent of the West Point city schools has been elected vice-president of Mississippi Womans College, Hattiesburg, and begins his labors at the school in September.

25 Years Ago

Miss Fannie Traylor, Young People's Leader of the Mississippi W.M.U., announces the first G. A. House Party with the Woman's College faculty and student body as hostesses.

Deacon D. M. Miller of the Hazlehurst Church reports that the community has experienced a "great spiritual awakening" from a revival meeting in the Baptist church in which Pastor George P. White did the preaching. Results: 11 additions to the Baptist Church, and "several additions to the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches," and also "Homes have been united and altars erected where there were none before."

Rev. D. O. Horne, new pastor at Monticello, tells of the wonderful reception he and family have received, and of his appreciation of "the noble labors of his predecessor, Rev. W. S. Landrum."

An estimated 1000 Mississippi Baptist churches observed Stewardship Revival — 1954 with tremendous results, according to reports received in the office of Rev. Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion.

Large numbers of new tithers, increased church budgets and increased percentages to missions were among the highlights of the reports, received by way of post cards from every section of the state.

One city church reported 174 new tithers, another city church reported 125; one suburban church revealed 116 and one rural church reported 108.

Many other churches of all sizes reported varying numbers of new budgets, several of them new budgets for the first time.

While not asked for in the questionnaire several churches "wrote in" that they were increasing their Cooperative Program percentage for 1955. One large city church indicated a 60% increase over 1954.

It is felt that the impetus of Stewardship Revival — 1954 will have a tremendous effect on the total life of Mississippi Baptists for years to come.

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Dr. Noonkester Writes Training Union Lessons

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB) — Mississippi Baptists will be interested to know that Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, of Hattiesburg, is one of the writers of Training Union lesson materials for the first quarter, 1955, issue of the Adult Union Quarterly.

This quarterly is one of eleven periodicals prepared by the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The lessons Dr. Noonkester wrote are: Feb. 20, "Secrets of Successful Bible Study," and Feb. 27, "One Book in Many Languages."

Dr. Noonkester, who is Academic Dean and Professor of Religion at William Carey College, is director of the Adult Training Union Department of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and has served as conference leader at state Training Union conventions.

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Worthy Objectives Set For Church And Denomination Night - 1955

Five worthy objectives have been set for Church and Denomination Night—1955, it has been announced by Rev. Joe Abrams, director of promotion.

These objectives include: Reaching every church member with the Bible message on stew-

wardship; enlisting every member to tithe; operating of church on a budget; adopting the percentage plan of giving to Co-operative Program, and increasing the percentage each year.

Church and Denomination Night will be a one-night stew-

ardship conference, to be held in every church in the state and in the Southern Baptist Convention sometime during the months of September and October.

Every church is urged to plan now to cooperate by setting the date for its conference.

Associational leaders are urged to work toward a simultane-

ous conference in their association.

Church and Denomination Night will be in addition to Christian Stewardship Week, Oct. 30-Nov. 6, which has become a fixture in most Southern Baptist Churches.

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WINS FIRST PRIZE

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Custodian Mississippi Historical Society



Joe Walley of Richton, the efficient clerk of the Greene County Association since 1924, last year received the first award of \$5.00 for preparing and delivering to the Custodian of the Historical Society a package of the 1954 minutes in the shortest time (31 days) after the association adjourned. Because of his diligence and faithfulness, the permanent files of the Greene County Association minutes in the archives of the Society in the Mississippi College library is in the class of Distinguished Association, complete from the time of organization of the association in 1921.

Mr. Walley was born in Greene County September 13, 1880, son of W. W. and Ellen Elizabeth Walley. His father was a deacon in the Sand Hill Baptist Church, Greene county, for many years, and served his state and county in several capacities. His mother was the daughter of a pioneer Baptist preacher, Rev. Vincent McCarty.

Joe was converted and was baptized into the membership of the Sand Hill church at the age of twelve, where he still holds membership, having served as deacon for thirty-five years and is now chairman as deacon-emeritus. He is teacher of the adult Bible class since early manhood, except an inter-

DAVID LEWIS SANSING

David Lewis Sansing passed away, January 25, in the pastorium of the Siloam Church near West Point.

David was born May 18, 1939 in Clay County. He moved to Fort Worth, in November, 1940 while his father, Rev. Carey Sansing, attended Southwestern Seminary until February 1941.

Mr. Sansing and family resided in the Pheba pastorium for about six years where David started to school and joined the Pheba Church. In November 1949 Calvary Church, Columbus, called Mr. Sansing as pastor and the young David led an active church and school life while there for almost two years.

David was a member of the Siloma Church and October 10, 1954, David surrendered his life openly and submissively to full time Christian Service. He was admitted to hospital eight days later during weeks of serious illness from an incurable disease, Sarcoma, he radiated Christianity to all who came in contact with him.

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MACON, Ga.—(BP)—Mercer

University's endowment passed the \$4,000,000 mark, George B. Connell, president, reported at a recent board of trustees meeting. At the same time the trustees gave approval to a program for increasing the endowment and erecting new buildings.

val of three years. He has served as moderator and clerk of Leaf River and Greene County Associations for a period of forty years.

Mr. Walley has served his county (Greene) as Supervisor, as representative and a year as Superintendent of Education. He has taught in the public schools of the county for twenty-four years.

Thurman Walley of Leaksville succeeds Brother Walley as clerk of the Greene County Association and we welcome him into the full fellowship of Mississippi Baptist Historical Society.

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W. C. MORGAN, Secretary



Miss Peggy Entrican

This is to introduce to you Miss Peggy Entrican, who began her work as the Office Secretary in the Music Department on Monday, January 24.

Miss Entrican is a native of Brookhaven, Mississippi and comes to us as a graduate of the Draughon's Business College in Jackson with a very high record as a student. Miss Entrican is highly recommended by the membership of her local church, and represents the very finest in her leadership among the young people, both in activity and Christian living.

The Music Department is very

happy to secure the services of Miss Peggy Entrican. She will stand ready to serve the people of our state in any way possible when they have occasion to visit the Music Office in the Baptist Building.

ATTENTION —

ASSOCIATIONAL

MUSIC DIRECTORS

On Friday, February 18, the Annual Planning Meeting for Associational Music Directors and Missionaries will be held in the Baptist Building, Jackson. The program will begin at 9:45 a. m. and close promptly at 4:00 p. m.

This is the most important planning meeting to be held in our state during the last five years. It is exceedingly important that we have all of our Associational Music Directors and all Missionaries present for this meeting.

The new associational organization adopted during the Southwide Planning Meeting at Nashville last December is ready

to be inaugurated. This plan will stand for at least the next decade. Please make plans to be here for that meeting. All music officers are invited to come along and be our guests for the day. Meals and transportation will be taken care of by the Music Department. We will be looking forward to seeing you on February 18.

Concerning World To Come

By Dr. Bruce H. Price

During a Sunday school class banquet one of the women who was serving brought me the first plate saying in jesting manner, "I'm always good to preachers because they can get people in to heaven for nothing." She was wrong about the way to reach heaven, but she was right in the knowledge of the reality of heaven. And it is just as true that there is a hell.

"The Bible is clear," writes Dr. Harold L. Fickett, "death does not end all. A clothing store in Galveston keeps a record of every customer. When one dies, his card is removed from the file, and across the face is written the two letters, 'H. B.' The explanation is that at death everyone is either heaven-bound or hell-bound. Conscious existence is for both saved and unsaved after the spirit departs from the body. Death is the gateway into the beyond." Eternal life or eternal punishment awaits every soul.

The second coming of Christ is a vital doctrine. It will be an outward, visible, and personal return. This Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven (Acts 1:11).

Knowledge of the exact date of the second coming of Jesus has been reserved for the mind of God, only. But of that day and

that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the father (Mark 13:32). In the face of this scripture "date-fixers" continue to try their hand.

A very devout woman had been misled. She announced the Lord would return one spring on Easter Day. When the time arrived she refused to admit her error, saying she had miscalculated; that Jesus would positively come on the next Easter, I do not know what she said when the following Easter went by.

The true Christian attitude is to watch, pray, and be ready for his coming by keeping his commandments and leading others to be prepared.

At a review in the army in Peru honor is paid to the memory of Admiral Grau who was killed in battle. When his name is called an orderly answers, "Absent but accounted for, he is with the heroes." Likewise our heroes of faith who have gone on are accounted for — they are with the risen Lord.

Bruce H. Price is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia.

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The most used brands of food are used so extensively because of the publicity given them. Advertising increases business, it increases attendance at ball games, it will increase attendance at your church. — Practical Church Publicity by Richmond O. Brown.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Clarksdale

Baptist affairs in Clarksdale have made marvellous progress in the last few years. A few years ago there was just one church in the town. Now there are several.

The occasion of our visit to Clarksdale was to lead a Leadership Conference, which met with Dr. F. K. Horton and Oakhurst Church. Already the educational plant has been erected and they are looking forward to the construction of the sanctuary, which will give them one of the prettiest plans in the state.

Record readers in Riverside Association are now listed as follows:

BELEN, 27; CROWDER, 128; DARLING, 77; HOLLYWOOD, 36; LAMBERT, 119; MARKS, 181; SLEDGE, 25; Walnut, 3; Fairview, 2; CLARKSDALE, 206; JONESTOWN, 42; LULA, 68; LYON, 78; Reynolds Memorial, 2; Union Chapel 18; RIVERSIDE, 125; OAKHURST, 85. Dundee, 19; Tunica, 105.

Haven Hill Is No. 1118

Once again the Promotion Plan has proved its worth. Recently we were requested to send the Baptist Record on trial for a few weeks to the members of Haven Hills Church of Yalobusha County. The result was the usual one. A recent letter from the pastor, Rev. J. O. Grantham, instructed us to continue the Record to the list of people who were receiving the sample copies.

Record readers in Yalobusha County are now listed as follows:

Big Springs, 11; CAMP GROUND, 55; COFFEEVILLE, 82; Haven Hill, 14; HOPEWELL, 21; Mt. Gilead, 14; NEW HOPE, 27; OAKLAND, 20; OTUCKOLOFA, 21; Scobey, 18; Tillatoba, 1; WATER VALLEY, 133; WAYSIDE, 33; Cedar Grove, 10; Pilgrim's Rest, 1.

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Hughes Sends Another List

Rev. J. L. Hughes is a long time friend of the writer and also a staunch friend of the Baptist Record. He makes it a practice to make the Baptist Record a part of the church program wherever he is.

The latest evidence of the above is a list from Enon Church in Jasper County. This means that from now on the 16 families of Enon Church are going to keep up with what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

Record readers in Jasper County are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH, 21; BAY SPRINGS, 127; New Concord, 17; Corinth, 13; DECEDAR, 20; EDON, 34; FELLOWSHIP, 21; HEIDELBERG, 80; LOUIN, 77; MONTROSE, 27; MOSSVILLE, 32; NEW FELLOWSHIP, 29; PINE GROVE, 21; Seminary, 1; SHADY GROVE, 47; Stringer, 11; Enon, 16.

Catholic Church Gets \$1,955 Shot Down By Baptist Hunter

LOUISVILLE, Ky. —(RNS)— A Roman Catholic priest has been made very happy by a Baptist rabbit-hunter who shot down \$1,955.

The money literally came from the heavens behind the Brooks Station Baptist church in northern Bullitt County, Kentucky. But it will be used to help build St. Jerome's Catholic church in Louisville.

And the Baptist hunter, 71-year-old Forrest Wilson, got nothing.

Here's the story as it was unraveled in Steve Ellison's farm home at Brooks Station:

Mr. Wilson, who is Mr. Ellison's father-in-law, lives with the Ellisons almost directly behind the Brooks Station Baptist church, which he attends.

One day recently he was wandering over his son-in-law's farm with a shotgun in search of rabbits. Suddenly, he spotted what turned out to be an 8-by-12-foot plastic balloon, about 20 feet in the air, floating toward him.

"Now when you see something like that, and you're carrying a shotgun, you're going to shoot it," reasoned Mr. Wilson.

So he shot. And down came the balloon. Then he looked inside the remains of the balloon and found a certificate emblazoned with crisp gold letters.

Those letters said the certificate was worth \$1,955 to the finder's favorite charity.

But Mr. Wilson didn't take the message seriously. He gave the certificate to his granddaughter, Mrs. Marie Lacefield, and told her to do whatever she wanted with it.

Mrs. Lacefield is a Catholic and a member of St. Jerome's church. St. Jerome is in the middle of a building program, has limited funds, and its pastor, the Rev. Jerome Moore, is actually building the church himself with the help of his congregation.

So Mrs. Lacefield decided she would donate the \$1,955 to St. Jerome's.

"It's her certificate now," said her Baptist grandfather. "So the Baptists can't blame me if she gives it to the Catholics."

The certificate was the most valuable of 122 sent aloft in balloons by a milling concern (General Mills, Inc.).

Hear the Baptist Hour

The Baptist Hour preacher for February is Dr. Roy O. McClain, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sermon topics for the month are "The Democracy of Death," "Old Time Religion," "Epitaphs," "One Nation Under God."

Radio stations in Mississippi carrying the Baptist Hour each Sunday are:

WDOB, Canton — 5:00 p. m.; WGLC, Centerville — 4:30 p. m.; WCLD, Cleveland — 4:30 p. m.; WCJU, Columbia; WACR, Columbus — 2:30 p. m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg — 10:15 p. m.; WMB, Macon — 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb — 9:00 a. m.; WCOG, Meridian — 4:00 p. m.; WPMP, Pascagoula — 3:00 p. m.; WRJW, Picayune — 1:00 p. m.; WELO, Tupelo, Sat. — 8:30 a. m.; and WABO, Waynesboro — 4:00 p. m.

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Dr. Ralph W. Sockman has written a book of seven devotionals entitled THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD (\$1). The first devotional has the same title as the book and each of the other six are concerning the various items of armor, such as "The Girdle of Truth," etc. Order from the Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee, or from the Baptist Book Store.

The National Temperance and Prohibition Council is inaugurating an intensive campaign focused chiefly upon Life magazine for the month of May this year in which readers may place gummed stickers on liquor ads from that magazine and mail them to the magazine. The stickers bear the words "I don't like this or any of the liquor ads in your publication." Duke McCall, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, is president of the National Temperance League.

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A. V. Washburn, secretary of teaching and training, Sunday School department, said: "These filmstrips offer a balanced study of the work of a Sunday School teacher who would aspire to become more effective in the teaching of God's Word. They may be used most helpfully as a series, but each individual filmstrip can be used independently as well."

The filmstrip titles are: The Christian Teacher, Selecting Aims, Choosing Methods, Planning a Lesson, and Testing Results. Each one is accompanied by two manuals with black and white photographs of each color frame.

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HORNS AND HALOS IN HUMAN NATURE

projects the Parable of the Prodigal Son against the background of current-day secularism. The author J. Wallace Hamilton, draws an analogy between the young son, who leaves his father, and our civilization's disinterest in its spiritual heritage. The famine reappears today in this generation's sense of sadness, the futility of life in the far country of materialism and worldliness. Just as the Prodigal Son wended his weary, wistful way, millions today are disillusioned, dreaming, hoping. They too, the author points out, must return to their Father before the fatted calf is killed. Dr. Hamilton discusses the obstacles in this path to life — frustration, selfishness, sin, misuse of freedom, etc. Many have transformed these "horns" into halos. Others can too if they accept Christ and follow his teachings. Order this book from the Baptist Book Store or from Fleming H. Revell, 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey for \$2.50.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of T. J. Blass, my former pastor, please notify W. E. Paxton, 1813 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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The Baptist Record keeps Mississippi Baptists informed.

North Oxford Church Ordains Minister



G. C. Futral, Jr.

On Sunday, January 16, North Oxford Church ordained Guy Clemmons Futral, Jr. to the full Gospel Ministry.

The Ordination Examining Council was composed of the following preachers: Rev. W. W. Clark, pastor of Shiloh and Tula Churches; Dr. James E. Southerland, pastor of First Church, Oxford; Rev. J. D. Caples, pastor of New Prospect Church; Rev. E. A. Young, pastor, Yellow Leaf Church; Rev. John B. Laney, Lafayette County Missionary; and Rev. Guy C. Futral, Sr., pastor, North Oxford Church.

During the ordination service Dr. J. E. Southerland led the ordination prayer; Rev. E. A. Young gave the charge to the church; Rev. John B. Laney gave the charge to the candidate; Rev. J. D. Caples presented the candidate with a Bible from the church; and Rev. Guy C. Futral, Jr. pronounced the benediction.

The newly ordained minister has been called as pastor of Ebenezer Church in Holmes County.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Yazoo County Association which met in thirty-fourth annual session at Calvary Church on October 20 and 21, 1954. The 1955 session is to be held with Concord Church. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTIN HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

By Dr. R. Loftin Hudson

Bossy Leaders

Question: Our church has two deacons and about three women who ran off the last pastor. Then they got together and tried to recall him.

When I asked one of these "Leading Ladies" what they had against the pastor, she said: "By thunder why don't you get out of the church. We are paying for it and we aim to run it as we please. I don't have one thing against him but it is time for him to go. Yes, he is a good man."

What can we do? This is five against two hundred. We are unhappy and want to see our church grow.

Answer: If what you say is true, these five people are not Baptists. A church ought to be run by a majority vote, regardless of the age of the voters or who pays the bills. Nearly every church has a few people in it who think that they are smarter than the others and ought to be allowed to make the decisions. That is the way Satan builds up hostility in New Testament churches. Dictators did not die with Hitler and Stalin.

The best thing that I can tell you is not to hate these bossy leaders. Out-pray and out-love and out-live them. But in every matter, large and small, insist upon congregational rule. I would not get out of the church unless my health demanded it. Christians are expected to bear anxiety at times. Unhappiness is not as bad as unfaithfulness.

Your best bet is in love and prayer. Don't underestimate the power of prayer. I have seen some good funerals that seemed to come from Christian prayers. God is on the side of truth and right.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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Consistency In Education

By BRUCE H. PRICE

The present financial crisis of many denominational colleges demands more consideration and better cooperation by both the colleges and the churches. If these schools are to avoid the long list of the defunct, there must be more thorough understanding of the responsibility of the colleges to the denomination's responsibility to the schools.

You will note that I mentioned

the need of the colleges to have a better realization of their obligation before stating the necessity of the churches to awaken to their duty. This was not a coincidence. It was deliberate. Too often, emphasis has been placed on the obligation of the denomination to support the institutions, while the requirement of the schools to be faithful to the churches and their Christian ideals is neglected. A consciousness of interdependence and fidelity by all concerned will produce more support in terms of money and students for the colleges, and better trained graduates in the disciplines of Christian faith and church loyalty for society.

Too often, educational institutions have cared little for the denomination whose name they bear, except for the support the churches give them. That is why institutions of learning which become "fat" often "kick over" the denominational traces and go free, as Duke, Yale, Brown, Colgate and Chicago give witness.

The Ideal

The first consideration of a Baptist college should not be high academic standing, though there is a tendency for administrations to give this first place. Even as loyalty to the government takes precedence over academic worth in a state-supported university, so loyalty to a denomination's Christian ideals takes first rank where a denomination's support is received. This does not put a low value on scholarship, but it does give the proper evaluation of Christian principles and doctrines.

A college cannot rise above its faculty. Buildings and equipment are necessary, but the faculty, including the administration, makes the college. The place of Mark Hopkins continues to be on one end of the log. The school is what he and other teachers make it. Therefore the denomination is as much interested in a teacher's personal Christian experience, his belief in Baptist doctrine, and his active participation in the work and support of a local Baptist Church as it is concerned about his intellectual attainments and honors.

A Baptist school that uses faculty members of other denominations, and inactive Baptists, is little different from non-sectarian colleges. Baptists cannot justify support for this kind of institution.

A Poor Policy

If you think the above paragraph is irrelevant, that only active Baptists are connected with our campuses, your knowledge of the subject is limited. Have you not known of a Baptist college having a non-Baptist president? Do you not know faculty members who are from half a dozen denominations, including the Roman Catholic Church and others who are inactive Baptists, rarely attending worship services anywhere? Have you never heard of coaches who empty the sewer of their souls in the presence

of students? Add to this some trustees who are inactive Baptists and a few who are members of other denominations; then you have an unhappy picture. All of these conditions have not existed on one campus at the same time, perhaps, but that they have happened on any Baptist campus is unfortunate. Such policies will never command the support of our people. Also, they reflect on the majority of professors who accept their great Christian responsibility and discharge it with deep devotion and fidelity to Christ and the denomination.

Build For The Future

It is difficult, I am told, to find qualified Baptist teachers for certain positions. Permit me to observe that if the administrators were as much concerned about finding dedicated Baptist teachers as in meeting the requirements of the accrediting agencies, such teachers would be found.

The states are ready to take over the educational responsibility of our youth. Unless our Baptist colleges are distinctive Christian institutions, giving the students the best intellectual training plus good moral and spiritual guidance, they have no right to accept money from the churches which has been given by individual Christians as tithes and offerings for the purposes of fulfilling the kingdom of God on earth.

The future of our Baptist schools will be assured when they give primary consideration to serving and supporting the denomination. Our people will respond by giving their sons and daughters, and money, to help the colleges produce men and women who can face the social and moral problems of this generation with courage and understanding.

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A copy of the minutes of the Neshoba County Association have been received in the Baptist Record office. The 1954 meeting was held at New Harmony and Good Hope churches. Rev. James Kirkendall was elected moderator and T. O. Gully, clerk.

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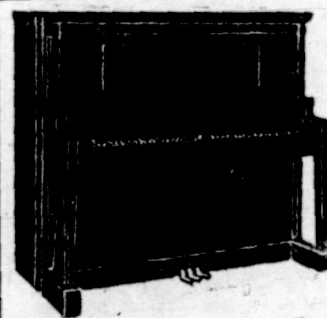
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HOME MISSION OUTPOSTS

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The figures below tell a miraculous story of Baptist Advancement:

Year 1953	Panama— Canal Zone	Alaska	Cuba
Population	1,000,000	200,000	2,934,392
Churches & Missions	35	19	233
Membership	1,232	2,299	7,659
Baptisms	112	383	543
Contributions	Figures Incomplete	\$187,193.01	\$109,217.40
Missionaries	23	17	141

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IT'S CAMPING TIME AGAIN

The Brotherhood Encampment comes early this year. Instead of meeting in the hot summer time we are meeting in the spring, April 29-30. Again we shall have Camp Garaywa all by ourselves for the week end. Those who attended last year will not think of missing this year. It was an unforgettable experience for all of us.

This year we have two of our southside leaders, Mr. Mashburn and Mr. Sapp, along with many other of our local people to assist us on the program. Our space is definitely limited. Likely we shall have to turn back many people this year who will want to come. No registration fee is required but we do want to know if you are going to be there. Your safest bet is to sit down right now and let us know if you are coming and we will save you a bunk.

One of the features of the program this time will be a great emphasis on Royal Ambassadors. Joel Ray is going to lead a conference for Royal Ambassador Counselors. In this conference should be every associational and local counselor in our entire state. There will be other special features by the boys themselves.

Byram Church Has New Music Director



Paul Dean

Paul Dean began his work with Byram Church February 1, as Music Director. He is a native of West Va., and the son of the late Rev. Henry Lee Dean.

Mr. Dean is a student at Mississippi College and for the past year has been Music Director of the Ridgecrest Church, Jackson; prior to this work, he was Music Director of the Handsboro Church. His wife is the former Betty Rhodes of Handsboro.

Byram Church continues to grow. There have been thirty-seven additions to the church since the first of the church year. The Sunday School has increased about twenty-four per cent during the same period.

Rev. Henry J. Bennett is the pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 30, 1955

Jackson, Calvary	1531	587
Main School	1473	540
Mission	58	47
Jackson, West	301	139
Jackson, Southside	333	186
Pearl (Rankin)	192	104
Byram	230	139
Jackson, Van Winkle	508	262
Briar Hill (Rankin)	80	57
Jackson, Crestwood	648	422
Jackson, Highland	118	68
Jackson, Parkway	1053	523
Siloam (Clay)	144	
Jackson, Magnolia Park	73	64
Meridian, 41st Avenue	382	124
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	480	117
Hattiesburg, Main Street	1030	433
Laurel, First	590	176
Clarksdale	405	153
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	636	248
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	174	93
Jackson, Broadmoor	423	168
Murphy Creek	147	105
Grenada, First	741	174
Meridian, Oakland Heights	324	104
Petal-Harvey	369	122
Main School	344	
Harvey	25	
Hurricane Creek (Marion)	123	118
Hattiesburg, Temple	566	159
Laurel, Highland	228	59
New Prospect (Desoto)	87	65
Edwards	85	48
Yazoo City, First	559	166
Friendship (Jackson)	94	88
Gillsburg	152	101
Long Beach, First	264	119
Morton (Scott)	283	102
Main Church	267	
Mission	16	
Houston, First	267	141
Aberdeen, First	361	107
Calvary (Alcorn)	98	40
Glenfield (Union)	81	82
Eupora, First	234	84
Spanish Fort	56	35
Laurel, Wildwood	203	82
Laurel, Harmony	177	71
Gerenwood, Calvary	503	205
Hernando	132	70
Coldwater	118	48
Concord (Choctaw)	84	78
Lucedale	357	153
Seminary, Union, Sr.	101	109
Brookhaven, Central	82	50
Pelahatchie	192	64
Main School	170	
Mission	22	
Charleston, First	389	152
McComb, Friendship	172	78
Purvis, First	234	106
Mission	15	
Ruth	52	36
Union, First	339	130
Ripley, First	275	91
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	130	79
New Albany, First	640	161
North Side Mission	73	31
Main Church	567	130
Bluff Springs (Pike)	78	78
Fellowship (Choctaw)	93	70
Grenada, Emmanuel	267	67
Gulfport, Calvary	64	48
Brookhaven, First	797	311
Main	687	233
Southway	85	60
Halbert Heights	25	18
Gulfport, First	968	321
Bay St. Louis, First	136	41

Brookhaven, Hamilton Street	193	91
Pleasant Ridge		
Holmes	66	67
Canton, Center Terrace	278	158
Biloxi, Trinity	179	79
Stonewall	195	115
Pilgrim's Rest (Copiah)	54	39
Crystal Springs, First	689	209
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	185	94
McComb, East	446	178
Longview (Atchafalaya)	100	72
Kosciusko, First	762	265
Main School	743	
Maple Mission	19	
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	60	49
New Sight (Lincoln)	124	78
Fair River (Lincoln)	107	68
Columbia, First	706	247
Main School	618	206
South Columbia Mission	88	41
Soso, First	123	79
Ruleville	272	120
Flowood	100	103
Amity (Chickasaw)	48	39
Wayside (Yalobusha)	41	
New Prospect (Lincoln)	144	101
Cleveland, Immanuel	171	128
Niland Chapel (Bolivar)	46	38
Cleveland, First	451	119
Main School	415	
Chinese Mission	29	
Shady Oak Mission	7	
Meridian, South Side	497	180
Clarksdale, Riverside	270	135
Midway (Lauderdale)	160	87
Pascagoula, First	817	242
Main School	711	221
McArthur Chapel	56	
Orange Grove Chapel	50	21
Gulfport, New Hope	141	54
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Morton (Scott)	269	107
Main Church	257	
Mission	12	
Olive Branch	90	55
Calhoun City, First	346	140
New Prospect (Desoto)	106	61
Edwards	87	47
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	120	61

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Each afternoon of our three Sunday School Conventions in Pontotoc, Louisville and Laurel, February 22-24, we will have a special conference for Pastors and Superintendents.

Three pastors will direct these, a different one each day. We are very fortunate in having Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist church of Holly Springs to lead this conference at Pontotoc, on February 22, and Dr. Walter L. Moore, pastor of the First Baptist church of Meridian, to direct the one at Louisville on February 23.

These splendid pastors are capable of handling such a conference in a great way, and we urge our pastors and superintendents to be sure to make their plans to attend.

NEW VBS RECORDS MADE

Brand new records were made in 1954 in Southern Baptist Vacation Bible school work.

For the first time the enrolment went over two million pupils (2,082,565 boys and girls), over 2 1/2 million in total enrolment (including teachers and officers), and over two million in average attendance.

Also, for the first time we spent over 1 1/2 million dollars for these schools, with between 50,000 and 60,000 conversions.

The mission offerings in the 17,605 schools reporting were \$369,896.00, with 12,119 schools giving \$239,791 to the Co-operative Program.

The schools represented 73% of Southern Baptist churches.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

We give below the program for our three Sunday School Conventions, meeting in Pontotoc, Louisville and Laurel, February 22, 23 and 24. The program is the same for each day, and also the program personnel, except the leader of the conference for pastors and superintendents will change each day. The program:

MORNING SESSION

9:45 Worship and Praise — S. W. Valentine
10:00 Our Book Store Service — Mrs. O. M. Jones
10:20 Buildings That Are Worthy — W. A. Harrell
11:00 Music
11:10 The Sunday School's Contribution to the Church Program — Ramsey Pollard
11:50 Announcements

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 Worship and Praise — S. W. Valentine
1:45 Some Neglected Areas — E. C. Williams
2:10 Presenting Conference Leaders
2:20 Simultaneous Age-Group Conferences
4:05 Adjourn from Conference Rooms

EVENING SESSION

7:00 Age-Group Conferences, as in Afternoon
8:00 General Assembly
8:10 Worship and Praise — S. W. Valentine
8:30 The Sunday School and the Evangelistic Crusade — Ramsey Pollard

Jackson, Hinds Co. Report \$436,255 In Hospital Campaign

Jackson and Hinds County have reported a grand total of 436,255 in the local phase of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Campaign for the local goal \$500,000.

Campaign workers met for a final scheduled report meeting at the Walthall Hotel last Friday night and after making their reports for the night — \$22,344 — pledged themselves to continue solicitation of the unworked cards in Jackson and Hinds County. This continuing effort will in the minds of campaign officials successfully close the gap of \$63,745 needed to reach the half million goal.

Rex Brown and Ellis Wright, Co-Chairmen of the local campaign presided at the meeting and E. O. Spencer, Hospital Trustee and Chairman of the Building Committee, expressed on behalf of the Board of Hospital Trustees their most sincere appreciation of the accomplishments of the workers.

The state phase of the campaign on a goal of \$500,000 was launched last Monday at a luncheon meeting attended by over 60 pastors and lay representatives from all areas of the state.

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Cherokee Church, Memphis, celebrated the second anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Mack R. Douglass on February 1. Since February 1, 1953 the church has grown from a mission of Union Avenue Church with 100 people to a present membership of 660, a Sunday School enrolment of 1,030, a Training Union enrolment of 570 and a budget of \$73,318. Pastor Douglass is the son of Rev. E. L. Douglass of the Mississippi College faculty.

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Grady Randolph, Shawnee, Louisville, Kentucky, from Grandview, Nashville, Tenn.

J. W. Ray, Ridge Road, Raleigh, N. C.

Shire D. Davidson, Hillsborough, Versailles, Kentucky, from Macedonia, Levee, Kentucky.

A. C. Martin, Antioch, Broad River Association, S. C. from Mill Spring, S. C.

Phil A. Connell, First, Gilbert, Arizona, from Willow Grove, Bell County, Texas.

W. M. Wallace, Temple, Lancaster, S. C. from Calvary, Norwood, N. C.

Walton A. Cappedge, New Prospect, Laurens Association, S. C. from Sullivan's Island, S. C.

M. T. Dossey, Emmanuel,

Shiloh (Marion) Ordains Pastor



Rev. James A. Mobley

Shiloh Church in Marion County on January 23 held ordination services for their pastor, Rev. James A. Mobley.

Those participating in the ordination were Dr. Mark Lowry, moderator; Rev. Porter Buckley, who delivered the ordination sermon; and Rev. W. C. Burns.

Mr. Mobley was licensed by the North Columbia Church.

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Sparks & Splinters

The Baptist Record has received a copy of the minutes of the 34th session of the Holmes County Association which met at Pleasant Ridge Church. The next meeting will be October 13 at the Oregon Church.

The Baptist Record has received a copy of the Perry County minutes. The 1954 meeting was held at Bethel Church. The 24 page booklet gives full information concerning each phase of the associational work.

The minutes of the Clay County Baptist Association have been printed and a copy received in the Baptist Record office. Hebron Church will be host to the next meeting on October 11. The minutes are clear and concise and are attractively prepared.

A copy of the minutes of the Lafayette County Association have been received in the Baptist Record office. The information contained therein is complete. The minutes are attractive and the printers did an excellent job.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 61st session of the Lebanon Association which met at Providence Church. The 1955 meeting will be at Petal-Harvey. A good grade of paper was used in the booklet, which adds to its attractiveness.

MADRID — (RNS) — Some 90,000 relief parcels sent from the United States by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference have been distributed in 33 Spanish dioceses by Caritas, and another 160,000 are expected to be received shortly. The Spanish Catholic welfare organization expressed hope that the number of such packages sent by the American agency in 1955 again will reach a total of 500,000 as it did last year.

Ministers and other Bible students interested in studying the Book of James will want to secure the latest volume of the BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR. Single volumes are \$4.95. The total of 57 volumes covering the entire Bible may be purchased at \$4.50 each. Every passage of every book is profusely explained with sermons, notes, practical lessons, historical information, anecdotes, etc. Compiler and editor of the series is Joseph S. Exell. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Argentina who are in the States for several months after study in language school in Costa Rica, have moved from Greenwood, S. C., to Pelahatchee. They will leave for their permanent field of service in February, and after February 10 they may be addressed at Ramon Falcon 4080, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mr. Glaze will teach at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires. He is a native of D'lo, and he and Mrs. Glaze make their permanent American home in Pelahatchie.

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WHEN THE KING COMES BACK (Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois, \$1.50) is written by Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor, The Peoples Church, Toronto, Canada, with an introduction by Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, professor of English Bible, Fuller Theological Seminary and Editor of Peloubet's Select Notes on the International Sunday School Lessons. This book, nine chapters in 136 pages, concerning the second coming of Christ, is the author's third book on prophecy. He has carefully examined what the Word of God has to say on the subject. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Dr. James E. Southerland, Oxford; Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Laney, Oxford; Rev. H. H. Ward, Kosciusko; Davis Gardner, Louin; Rev. Billy R. Greene, Independence; Rev. Paul Kirke; Gautier; Rev. B. H. Bennett, Pascagoula; Rev. Ivan Lowry, Brookhaven; Rev. V. R. Crider, Madams; Rev. J. D. Crenshaw, Isola; Rev. W. O. Presson, Louisville; Rev. D. M. Metts, Memphis, Tennessee; Rev. Ivor L. Clark, Noxapater; Rev. W. L. Howse, Sr., Jackson; H. M. Brooks, Mathison; Rev. I. Veitia, Havana, Cuba; Rev. J. Rogue Silva, Clarke College; Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Melton, Belen.

Mr. Robert C. Malone, whose address is 1911-1913 College Street, Columbus, is Chairman of the Pulpit Committee of East End Church. Our readers will recall that last week's issue carried an announcement that Rev. K. Z. Stevens had resigned that pastorate to accept the Camp Creek pastorate.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Tom Sims, Collins; Rev. Buck Jackson, Clarksdale; Rev. C. J. Rushing, Laurel; Rev. J. D. Aycock, Gulfport; Rev. E. P. Keen, Edinburg; Betty Daniel, Sadie Brown, Jackson; Marion Leavell, Oxford; Mrs. R. R. Darby, Perkinson; Mrs. George Nichols, Wesson; Mr. and Mrs. Manning Whiddo, Biloxi; Dorothy Sears, Rock Hill, South Carolina; John A. James, Jr., Jackson; Fred D. Matthews, Jr., Jackson; Gladys Bryant, Decatur; Mary Ann Rushing, Goodman.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Gulf Coast Association, which met in 77th annual session on October 18, 19, 20, 1954 at the Trinity Church, Biloxi. The 1955 session is to be held with the Long Beach Church. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

Three Mississippians Graduate From Southern Seminary Jan. 25



Shown above are three Mississippians who graduated from Southern Baptist Seminary on January 25. They are (left to right): James F. Atkinson, Satartia; Quentin M. Perreault, Canton; and H. Lloyd Stormont, Iuka. All three are candidates for the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Clayton; Rev. Paul W. Kolb, Batesville; Rev. B. E. Padgett, Kosciusko; Mrs. Ted Sanderson, Mrs. H. C. Davis, Brandon; Mrs. J. E. Callum, Fanning; L. E. James, Ripley, Rev. H. L. Davis, Moselle; John C. Hillbun, Hillery Kirkham, Howard Davenport, Oneal Tanner, Harold Newberry, J. E. Thompson, Moss Point; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton; Rev. R. B. Patterson, Iuka; Rev. G. R. Hudson, Pittsboro; Rev. W. L. Yeatman, Petal; E. A. Rushing, Itta Bena; Harry Howard, Moss Point; J. Ray Grissett, Richburg; Rev. C. D. Walker, Goss; Rev. H. B. Roane, Water Valley; W. P. Young, Moss Point; Rev. C. S. Moulder, Hattiesburg; Rev. D. T. Evans, Osyka; H. V. Bryant, Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henry, Pontotoc.

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In a recent meeting of the Yalobusha County Associational Executive Committee Rev. C. W. Sheffield, pastor of Oakland and Tillatoba Churches, was unanimously elected as Associational Chairman of Stewardship.

The many Mississippi friends of Rev. W. C. Wood will regret to hear of his death on October 16. Until his illness several months ago he was pastor of the College Avenue Church, Annapolis, Maryland. Before going to Annapolis he was pastor at Crosby.

For the first time in years a Training Union has been organized at Wayside Church in Yalobusha County. Billy Kyzer is the director; Herman Brown the Adult Department director, and Mrs. Herman Brown the Young People's Department director. Pastor Darwin Hall states that since the new organization has begun to function "the Training Union attendance has been a little better than 80 per cent of the Sunday School attendance."

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. Curtis Sanders, Associational Missionary, Marion Association; Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, Kreole; Rev. Paul Harwood, Darling; Lamar O'Brian, Darling; Dr. J. S. Riser, Webb; Rev. C. S. Mullin, Columbus; Rev. O. B. Anderson, Long Beach; T. T. Gooch, Oakland; Rev. L. J. Crumby, Sunflower; Rev. W. E. Hardy, Pinola; Rev. W. M. Averitt, Richton; Rev. and Mrs. Phil J. Walker, Carriere.

The Baptist Record is in receipt of a hot letter from somebody, which was mailed at Union Church. A reply would be made to this letter, but the person who wrote it did not have the nerve to sign his name to it. If they would like to have the information about which they write, they will have to send their name. At least, what goes in the Baptist Record is either signed or accounted for. That cannot be said for the letter which we received.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. Johnny Foy, W. C. Sims, Soso; Gordon V. Payne, Lucedale; Rev. D. C. Applegate, Starkville; Rev. W. E. Speed, Meridian; Rev. J. P. Brock, Pickens; George E. Raborn, Mayhew; Rev. A. V. Clark, Fayette; Mrs. R. D. Moon, Pelahatchie; Mrs. L. M. Wallace, Pelahatchie; Mrs. Claude Howe, Brandon; Ellis O. Smith, Washington; Rev. Horace Carpenter, Cranfield; Joel Makhalovich, Ocean Springs.

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Stop — Look — Listen

By E. N. Patterson

One of the most important questions before Southern Baptists today is the modern ecumenical movement. Regardless of what we think, we will have to face this issue during our life time and make some kind of a decision.

A Baptist writer has this to say about present day denominationalism:

"The areas of co-operation between and among denominations widen every year. Only the over-cautious, the religiously self-righteous, or the potentially stubborn, are not on the roll of honor (in the ecumenical movement). This day is ringing down the curtain on sectarianism (denominationalism) of every sort; it has played its roll, the applause has subsided, and the lights will soon be out."

Regardless of what has been written about denominations the day of the New Testament Church is not over. We need to take stock as Southern Baptists and settle this one question, are we on the right road? Do we know where we are headed and why we are going in that direction? We have been blessed and are being blessed beyond any major Christian body. Measure it any way you wish and the only conclusion one finds is that as far as growth is concerned God is blessing us beyond our fondest dreams.

In 1953 we baptized 231,523, we reported 29,496 churches, 7,866,016 members, 24,722 pastors, over 6,000,000 enrolled in Bible Schools, over 2,000,000 enrolled in our Training Unions. We have at the present time over 8,000 of our finest young people studying in our Colleges and Seminaries for full time Christian Service, and this at a time when many of the denominations cannot find enough preachers for their present churches. Over 4,000 of these young people are in our five Seminaries when other Seminaries are dying out. I could mention other ways in which we are being blessed, such as the organization of over 700 new churches in the year 1953 besides many mission stations. This is what is taking place with our present program, as we believe, under the leadership of God.

We have before us the facts about what happens when a Baptist group turns from the New Testament for the sake of unity.

The president of the Baptist Union of England and Ireland made this startling statement this past summer: "I find that in the last fifty years our membership has fallen from 390,000 to 330,000, while the number of scholars in our Sunday Schools has declined by over 200,000. Yet in the same period, as we have seen, the total population of the country has increased by many millions of souls. Such facts as these must force themselves with painful urgency upon the conscience of all who care for the

Blue Mountain Opera To Be 'Blossom Time'

The Blue Mountain College operetta this year will be Sig-mund Romberg's "Blossom Time," a story of the life of Franz Schubert. Brooks Haynes, head of the music department of the college, will direct the production and Miss Sylvia Strickland, Greenwood and Memphis, recent B.M.C. graduate, will be the dramatic coach. Mr. Haynes will be assisted by two members of the music faculty, David Gibson and Miss Linda Berry.

The premiere showing will be Feb. 25 in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. Then the production will tour, playing Feb. 28 in the Louisville High School; March 1, Greenville High School; March 2, West Point High School; March 3, Mississippi State College, March 4; Bellevue Junior High School, Memphis.

progress of Evangelical Christianity in this land. They lay upon every one of us the duty of inquiring with the utmost earnestness what God is saying to the churches in this unprecedented situation."

Because of the fellowship of the Baptist Churches in England with the State Church and other Churches, Baptist preachers are failing to preach that people are lost without Christ. In visiting many churches in England, I did not hear one preacher sound the evangelistic note. Their messages were well prepared addresses, directed to Christians. The only invitation I heard was given by Billy Graham. There certainly are other factors, but the greatest cause of this evangelistic drouth is the desire for fellowship with everyone, even if it means accepting all church members as Christians. In most State churches, and others, the idea of personal regeneration is never mentioned because it is not believed.

The last report of the American Baptist Convention shows a loss of over 4,500 in membership. As I visit the Baptist churches here in the North, I can understand this because the influence of the ecumenical movement is having the same effect here as it has had in England.

Why is there such a desire for all churches to come together as one united church? Of course there is a difference of opinion among the ecumenical leaders as to just what they want. Some want a spiritual fellowship, others want one united Protestant Church. Most of them want the United Church. There are several things that will answer the question, why this desire?

First, there is an honest desire for unity, a united front, to show the world Christians are one. We all feel this need, but some are willing to turn from the teachings of the New Testament and have open membership in order to attain this.

Then there is a desire for bet-

New Sunday School Board Worker



Rev. Allen B. Comish is superintendent of Intermediate Sunday School Work, Baptist Sunday School Board. He was former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ga. He succeeded Dr. E. Stanley Williamson, who is now secretary of Co-operative Field Promotion in the Sunday School Department of the Board.

ter organization, for a more central control over all the churches. We could have great political power in the world if we had a Pope or a Council to control all Protestants. Of course to do this you would have to disregard the teachings of the New Testament about the Church. We need to remember this; that most of those in the ecumenical movement believe in overhead authority, they practice it in their own denominations and believe it is right.

What is the road ahead for Southern Baptists in the face of all the pressure that will be brought on our leaders and our people? Well, we have three roads open to us. We could just go into the Roman Catholic Church and accept a Common Creed handed down from Rome, and a church authority that is kin to a dictatorship. Of course we are not going to do this.

Then we could just say for the sake of Union (not unity, because there is more dis-unity in the ecumenical movement than in any denomination) we will no longer believe or teach the doctrines of a New Testament Church. This would destroy our churches, our Foreign Mission Board, our Home Mission Board, our Colleges, Seminaries, Co-operative Program, and everything that we hold dear today in our beloved fellowship.

The last is the thing I believe we will do. We can continue to teach and preach the New Testament, inviting every one to unite on this basis. To the ones who believe in overhead authority, to the ones who believe in open church membership, to the ones who believe in infant sprinkling, to the ones who believe and practice modes of baptism other than immersion, to the ones who do

Marianism Protested

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—The tendency for Christians of the world to look upon Mary, the mother of Jesus as divine, "preserved free from every stain of original sin" has the support neither of the Scriptures nor of unbroken tradition. This is the opinion of a group of leading Southern Baptist Bible scholars contacted by the Baptist Press.

"The dogma has served to widen the yawning chasm between Biblical Christianity and modern Romanism" said Dale Moody of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. "The Roman veneration of Mary has moved beyond incipient idolatry into an actuality that will perhaps lead them one day to declare Mary co-redeemer with Christ. This can only reply and be repudiated by all Biblical Christians."

Thomas B. Maston of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., called the Roman Catholic effort to deify Mary "an accommodation strategy." He said that it was a definite evidence of the compromising mixture of Christianity with paganism.

A New Orleans Seminary theologian, Ted R. Clark, has said, "It was so plain to the first century Christians that Mary was nothing more than the human agent in the Incarnation that the New Testament does not bother to deal with the problem of Mary's relationship to the eternal Christ. Only the relationship of Mary to the 'man' Jesus is presented in the New Testament."

The president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., Harold K. Graves, said, "It is because of the sentimental feelings that people have toward their mother that this doctrine has such an appeal to so many. It has no Biblical foundation."

Fred L. Fisher also of Golden Gate Seminary said, "The place of Mary in the gospel story is certainly unique since her position as the virgin mother of the Christ child can never be repeated, but the Bible does not teach that she is to be worshipped. Yes. In the same that any servant of the Lord is to be respected for believing and giving devoted service to the Lord in answer to the Lord's call. After all, what she did in giving her body as the instrument through which the son of God became incarnate is no higher service than that of many who have given their bodies to be burned and their lives to be used in the promotion of the kingdom of God."

Other leading theologians observed as follows: S. A. New-

not believe in salvation by personal faith we say in all sincerity, you have a right to your own opinions, but for us, we will follow the New Testament teachings in regards to the church, rather than the teachings of any church or any group of churches.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH ORDAINS MINISTER



On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21, at Hickory Grove Church in Lauderdale County, Aven- Lee Miller was ordained to the Ministry.

After being introduced to the Ordaining Council by the clerk of the church, Mrs. Henry McElroy, the candidate appeared before the council, which was made up of the following brethren: F. H. Miller, W. L. Grafton, Barney Lopusser, Ralph Brady, and the deacons of both Hickory Grove and Center Ridge Churches.

Rev. F. H. Miller was elected moderator of the council; Mr. Lopusser led in the questioning, assisted by the other members of the council; Mr. Grafton led in the ordination prayer and delivered the charge to both the candidate and the church.

Rev. F. H. Miller, father of the candidate, preached the ordination sermon.

The young minister is the pastor of Hickory Grove Church and is a Junior at Mississippi College.

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Every time your news story about a Christian activity is published, you have caused hundreds of people to remember God's work. It will promote the members' pride in their church. The unchurched will be drawn toward God. Interest is increased when things are happening around a place IF the people know about them. Practical Church Publicity by Richmond O. Brown.

man, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., "another example of that periphery of paganism which has always constituted a sore temptation to the Catholic mind;" Edward A. McDowell also of Southeastern, "It is evidence of a widening breach between Evangelical Christianity and Catholicism;" and Frank Staggs, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said the dogma is "distressing to all who refuse to recognize a rival to Jesus. Only the Triune God is to be worshipped."

First Church, Louisville Has Men's Stewardship Banquet

By William James Robinson
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To be a good minister of Jesus Christ is to attain princely rank among the people of God and a distinction unsurpassed by worldly honors. He is an example for all believers to copy. He has a heavy responsibility and an unsurpassed opportunity to bless mankind and glorify God. A minister's conduct speaks as forcibly as his tongue. He must practice what he preaches. Such a man will wield a saving influence in every group with which he is associated and bless every home he enters.

It is a privilege granted all pastors by Baptists that their ministers are privileged to visit their families at their discretion. But each minister must be careful not to abuse this privilege. He must be sure he is on business for the Lord, must by his manner and conduct prove he is more than a nice gentleman calling.

Families should make it easy for him to live up to the restrictions placed on him by his high calling. Some parents have learned this. His chief business in the homes of his congregation is to promote the cause of Christ. This is to be done by edifying the family, provoking each member of the family to love and to serve God by good works. He is to discuss with the ones he meets the work of the church and strive to have each one excel in loyalty to the Lord and his church work.

Where there are young people in the home parents should make it easy for the pastor to talk with them privately. This is to be done by magnifying the pastor in conversation from time to time so as to lead their children to honor him. When he comes it is sometimes wise for the mother to leave the room while he talks to the children. This is especially wise when there are unsaved youngsters in the home. I found it wise when I was a pastor to arrange with a mother for me to call at a certain time and have an unsaved daughter meet with me and after a few minutes the mother would leave the room on some pretext so I could talk privately with the daughter about her salvation. Many souls have been won to Christ by this plan. In a long and reasonably successful pastoral career few persons joined the church where I ministered till I had one or more private interviews with them. I am a firm believer in personal evangelism by the pastor and other godly persons.

Nearly every family has a favorite physician that they call in case of injury or sickness. This is wise. But as the soul is of more importance than the body so it is far more important to have a wise pastor. Keep in mind that your pastor is the one

who is to minister to your soul as the physician does to your body. When your pastor loves you well enough to be deeply concerned about your spiritual welfare you have a friend truly worthwhile. Use him by opening your heart to him and weighing seriously his advice.

Occasionally have your pastor, as an honored guest, at your table. Remember that in a very peculiar way, he is God's man and any kindness, courtesy, or honor you bestow on him Jesus accepts it as a kindness shown to himself.

If you desire to increase your minister's influence in your community show your admiration of him by having him as an honored guest in your home. No one doubts your admiration and love for those you so honor, and certainly no person is more worthy of this honor than "a good minister of Jesus Christ."

Consider seriously one more fact. There is no one who will come nearer doing his very best to help you at all times, and under all circumstances, regardless of cost than your God-honoring pastor. Open your heart wide to him as your pastor, for he is a seer to watch for dangers you are likely to face. Listen to him. In all moral and spiritual matters he is an adept.

A wise pastor will plant ideas in the minds of your children that will grow into values too rich to price. Give him a chance to do this.

When I was a child we had a minister, who was not a Baptist, as a neighbor. Occasionally he would visit our home. One time on leaving he put his hand on my head and pressed down pretty hard and said; "Willie is going to be a great man some day." I firmly believed what he said and it made me strive hard to become such, but it took me fifty years to find he was a poor prophet. But never-the-less it did me good to have him say what he did. A wise pastor sows seed that produce a great harvest in later years when he is properly used. Be sure to give your pastor a chance.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Tallahatchie County Association which met in 4th annual session with the Corinth Church, Charleston, on October 15, 1954. The next session is to be held with the Spring Hill Church. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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For the period 1944-1953 Southern Baptists' estimated personal income was \$68.9 billion, compared with \$19.4 billion, for 1935-44. A tithe would be \$6.9 billion, whereas actual gifts for all Southern Baptist causes amounted to only \$1.7 billion, during this period.

YOUR PASTOR IN YOUR HOME



Shown above is a scene at the recent Men's Winner Meeting of the First Church, Louisville. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Pastor of the First Church, Memphis, was the principal speaker. The meeting was attended by 175 men. Stewardship and the Baptist Program were emphasized throughout the program, which included brief messages from the Rev. Direk Arayakosol, from Thailand, who is a ministerial student at Mis-

issippi College; the Rev. Henry Orr, a Baptist pastor from Sydney, Australia; Marion Perry, Vice-President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Joe H. McCully, past chairman of the deacons, and W. A. Taylor, Chairman of the Building Committee. Tithing testimonies were given by John Pete Myres, Johnny Smith, M. C. Morris, W. P. Johnson, and R. T. Parker. Rev. James H. Fairchild, pastor of

the church and E. L. Sessums, Chairman of the Deacons, presided at the meeting which was sponsored by the deacons of the church. Music for the meeting was afforded by the Men's Chorus. The meeting place was the spacious ground floor assembly of the new sanctuary, which was completed just one year ago at a total cost of \$335,000.

1955 IS THE YEAR

By Dr. J. Howard Williams
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Southern Baptists have had many remarkable experiences in the 109 years of their corporate existence. The Lord has used them in pioneering in various types of work and in the accomplishment of some outstanding achievements.

Perhaps no greater opportunity ever has been afforded them than the simultaneous crusades planned for 1955. It all but staggers the imagination to think of the potential of this movement, when "all the estates of Zion" are asked to throw themselves full length into the primal tasks of witnessing to the saving grace of our Lord and the calling of the people to repentance, faith, and confession. It is to be hoped that every pastor, denominational worker, executive secretary, ministerial student, as well as all laymen (which includes the women) will feel a direct responsibility and plan to make a personal contribution to this mighty movement.

From time to time our colleges make time available for their athletes to be away from school. In proper proportions, this is good. It would be equally wise if they would make it possible for ministerial students to be away for a period to join in one of these evangelistic efforts.

All five of the seminaries planned long ago to enter wholeheartedly into this movement. Some are going to close the school for a week. Others have made other adjustments. In Southwestern, we are excusing for a week, without penalty, any student who participates in one of these crusades. Since the

Southwest has been divided into three areas and we have student preachers in each, no one week would serve all three areas. Therefore, instead of closing for a week, we are granting a week of absence at any time to any student who can help in one of these meetings. In addition to this, each student has an allowable number of absences, and therefore can be away for a two-weeks meeting without serious damage to his program of study.

All of us should dedicate ourselves to this task, the impact of which may move the nation nearer to the Lord and give further impetus to the evangelistic spirit which is spreading among our fellow Christians of other denominations.

The contribution of Southern Baptists in this field of evangelism may prove to be our greatest in the twentieth century. For years we have been urging evangelism. 1955 is somewhat of a climax to a long series of plans and programs, and with the blessing of our Lord it may be we can serve the total cause of the Kingdom of God far beyond the individual meetings which we shall conduct throughout the nation. With declarations of the necessity of a spiritual awakening coming from President Eisenhower, other men of state, law, medicine, and science, and with the glaring needs of mute millions who do not know how to voice the anxiety of their hearts, we have every reason to give ourselves to ardent prayer and consecrated and even sacrificial service at this time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Cross, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippines, may be addressed at 220 Menlo Road, Pasay City, Philippines. Mr. Cross is a native of Hickory.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB) — The B. B. McKinney Music Research Foundation, an organization for the perpetuation of the memory of the late B. B. McKinney, has been incorporated in Oklahoma and is located on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Dr. McKinney was church music editor and secretary of the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1935 until his death Sept. 7, 1952.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Calcote, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, have moved from Kokura to Yawata and may be addressed at Naru Miza Machi, Yawata, Japan. Mr. Calcote is a native of Wesson, where he and Mrs. Calcote make their permanent American home.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brazil who have been in the States on furlough, have left for their field of service and may be addressed at Caixa Postal 221, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. Dr. Kolb is a native of Blue Springs, and he and Mrs. Kolb make their permanent American home in Hickory Flat.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Buildings were: Robert Marquis, Rosedale; Rev. Charles Everitt, Merigold; Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Young, Oxford; W. B. Horton, Moorhead; Rev. B. F. McIlwain, Horn Lake; Lincoln D. Newman, Lucedale; Rev. Leon Emery, Clinton; Herbert Howell, Blue Mountain; Rev. W. R. Prince, Walnut; Rev. Clarence Palmer, Chalysbeate; Jo Ann Buckley, Bettye Carter, Aura Haworth, Jackson; W. H. Tate, Biloxi; Rev. J. Hoffman Harris, Biloxi; T. R. Keen, Kilmichael.